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SUBJ: BIJEDIC VISIT: DRAFT OF JOINT STATEMENT

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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY DRAFT OF JOINT STATEMENT WHICH CLOSELY FOLLOWS STRUCTURE OF EARLIER STATEMENTS AND INCORPORATES POINTS WHICH WE SUGGEST AS WELL AS THOSE WHICH WE BELIEVE YUGOSLAVS WILL WISH TO HAVE REFLECTED. REQUEST DEPT'S COMMENTS AND AUTHORIZATION TO HAND TEXT TO YUGOSLAVS TO ELICIT THEIR APPROVAL.

2. BEGIN TEXT: AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (PRIME MINISTER) OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAV DZEMAL BIJEDIC, AND MRS. BIJEDIC, VISITED THE UNITED STATES MARCH 19-22, 1975.

3. PRESIDENT FORD GAVE A LUNCH IN PRESIDENT BIJEDIC'S HONOR, DURING WHICH A COMPREHENSIVE AND VERY USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES TOOK PLACE.

4. PRESIDENT BIJEDIC ALSO HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FREDERICK B. DENT, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION

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AND DEVELOPMENT ROBERT MCNAMARA, THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF

THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND JOHANES WITEVEEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE EXIM BANK WILLIAM CASEY, PRESIDENT OF THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION MARSHALL T. MAYS, MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE NAYOR OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, WALTER WASHINGTON. SECRETARY KISSINGER HOSTED A DINNER IN PRESIDENT BIJEDIC'S HONOR AND MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS GAVE A LUNCH FOR THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY AT THE UNITED STATES CAPITAL.

5. PRESIDENT BIJEDIC PLACED A WREATH AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER IN HONOR OF AMERICANS WHO FELL IN WAR. UPON LEAVING WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT BIJEDIC WILL VISIT NEW YORK CITY, WHERE HE WILL CALL ON UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM AND MAYOR ABRAHAM BEAM AND WILL MEET WITH PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

6. THE TWO SIDES WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY WHICH PRESIDENT BIJEDIC'S VISIT AFFORDED FOR A HIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN A FRIENDLY AND OPEN ATMOSPHERE, FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF REGULAR CONTACTS AND CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THESE CONTACTS, WHICH ALSO OCCUR AT ALL LEVELS IN A VARIETY OF AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, ARE VALUED BY BOTH COUNTRIES FOR THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS THEY MAKE IN INCREASING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND FURTHER STRENGTHENING THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

7. PRESIDENT BIJEDIC'S VISIT PROVIDED AN OCCASION FOR A THOROUGH REASSESSMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, WHICH CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND EXPAND SUCCESSFULLY. INCONVERSATIONS DURING THE VISIT, FURTHER STIMULUS WAS GIVEN TO THESE RELATIONS. IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE, THERE WAS MUTUAL AGREEMENT THAT A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE, JOINT VENTURES AND OTHER FORMS OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS WOULD BE IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES AND CONCRETE WAYS TO REALIZE SUCH INCREASES WERE EXPLORED.

8. THE TWO SIDES RE-EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL, INFORMATIONAL AND OTHER FORMS OF EXCHANGES TO THE DEEPENING OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT.

9. PRESIDENT BIJEDIC AND HIS AMERICAN HOSTS ALSO EXCHANGED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIEWS ON THE SITUATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND CYPRUS AS WELL AS OTHER CRITICAL AREAS IN THE WORLD. HE WAS INFORMED IN DETAIL ABOUT THE EFFORTS WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS UNDERTAKEN TO FOSTER A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WHICH BOTH SIDES STRONGLY DESIRE. THEY ALSO VOICED THE MUTUAL HOPE THAT AN EARLY AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION BE FOUND FOR THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMUNITIES AND COUNTRIES INVOLVED, AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS

THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO FOSTER NEGOTIATIONS WHICH COULD LEAD TO SUCH A SOLUTION.

10. THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED A COMMON INTEREST IN AN EARLY AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION.

11. IN DISCUSSING CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, BOTH SIDES EMPHASIZED THAT INTERDEPENDENCE OF ALL PEOPLES AND NATIONS OF THE WORLD - DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING ALIKE - IS A KEY FACTOR IN THE SEARCH FOR JUST AND EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE BASIS FOR SUCH DEVELOPMENT MUST BE FORGED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND GOODWILL, ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR DIFFERING POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS, INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, EQUALITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ALL NATIONS. THE TWO SIDES RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN FOSTERING UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE TO THESE PRINCIPLES.

12. AGREEING ON THE IMPORTANCE OF HIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGES, THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THE PRACTICE OF REGULAR CONTACTS AND IN THAT REGARD NOTED THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAS ACCEPTED PRESIDENT TITO'S INVITATION TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA AT A TIME TO BE DETERMINED.

13. PRESIDENT FORD TOOK THE OCCASION OF HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BIJEDIC TO REAFFIRM US INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT FOR AN INDEPENDENT AND NONALIGNED YUGOSLAVIA. THE TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED THAT EQUALITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT CONTINUE TO CHARACTERIZE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES. THESE AND OTHER PRINCIPLES ORIGINALLY INCORPORATED IN THE JOINT STATEMENT SIGNED OCTOBER 30, 1971 DURING PRESIDENT TITO'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, REMAIN THE TOUCHSTONES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. THEY WERE REITERATED IN AN EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN PRESIDENT TITO AND PRESIDENT FORD IN 1974. THEY WILL REMAIN THE BASIS ON WHICH THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FUTURE.
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